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1. East German members of the German Standards Committee (*Deutscher Normenausschuss - DNA*)^{1/} in Berlin stated that GOST standards (*Gosudarstvennyy Obshcheyuznyy Standart*) were not applicable to the DDR. The standards were used only for deliveries, particularly of semi-finished steel and iron products, to Soviet Bloc countries. 25X1
2. At the present time, only the standards of the DNA are applicable in the DDR. In many cases these standards are required by law. 25X1
3. No pressure is being applied in the DDR to introduce GOST standards^{2/}.

Comment. The DNA is the official standards committee for both East and West Germany.

Comment. East German newspapers recently have discussed, rather vehemently, the pros and cons of introducing GOST standards in the DDR. Therefore, the validity of this statement must be questioned.

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